

Biological



Biological attacks are a purposeful release of germs and other viral or bacterial substances. This is very dangerous because there are little to no warning signs. The most common sign of this attack is when health care workers notice that a larger than normal group of individuals come in with the same symptoms.

Things to Know:

Viral Biological Weapons: Require there to be a host for them to live. Once infected there is no cure, only the symptoms can be treated.

Bacterial Biological Weapons: Weapons that are capable of multiplying and surviving on their own. They can be treated via antibiotics if caught early enough.

Biological Release:

- If there was a release in the area, get away immediately.
- Cover your mouth and nose with multiple layers of fabric.
- Cover any open cuts.
- Wash with lots of soap and water.
- Listen to radio, TV, or internet to determine what steps to take.
- If you become ill, alert hospital that you may have been exposed and follow their instructions.

If You are Exposed:

- Follow instructions of doctors and public health officials.
- You will probably be quarantined until health officials determine if it is contagious and what the threat is.
- If you think you have been exposed to a biological emergency, listen to the radio and TV to determine if your symptoms match the ones given. If they do, head to the hospital.



For more information on biological attack preparedness, visit the IDHS website at: www.in.gov/dhs.